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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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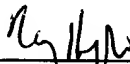
Sir:

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability (Paper No. 5, dated June 4, 2003). Even though the application includes two independent formulations of the invention, the reasons for allowance merely paraphrase only claim 1. For example, independent claim 10 does not recite *a shaft rotatably supported by a case, a winding, a magnetic flux, an electric current, a plurality of claw-shaped magnetic poles, or ventilation channels*. In this respect, the statement is deficient by failing to acknowledge that claims 1 and 10 were allowed for independent reasons.

Furthermore, the statement only loosely paraphrases the limitations of claim 1. For example, claim 1 does not recite the terms *axed, wherethrough, geld, held, or denned*. These terms are not recited in independent claim 10 either. At least in this respect, the statement does not accurately restate the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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